

312TH SESSION JOURNAL

SITTINGS AND HOURS ETC.

Session summoned on	=	11-06-2021
Session prorogued on	=	25-06-2021
Number of working days	=	15
Number of actual sittings	=	08
Number of Private Members' days	=	Nil
Maximum attendance	=	86 (on 14-06-2021)
Minimum attendance	=	70 (on 25-06-2021)
Average attendance	=	79.12%
Total hours of sittings	=	26 hours and 23 minutes
Maximum hours of sitting	=	05 hours and 40 minutes (on 21-06-2021)
Minimum hours of sitting	=	15 minutes (on 11-06-2021)
Average hours of sittings	=	03 hours and 29 minutes

PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICERS FOR 312TH SESSION

1. Senator Sana Jamali
2. Senator Sherry Rehman
3. Senator Dost Muhammad Khan

LAYING OF A COPY OF THE FINANCE BILL, 2021

On 11th June, 2021, Mr. Shaukat Fayaz Ahmed Tarin, Minister for Finance and Revenue, laid before the Senate a copy of the Finance Bill, 2021, containing the Annual Budget Statement, as required under Article 73 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and moved that the Senate may make recommendations, if any, to the National Assembly on the Finance Bill, 2021, containing the Annual Budget Statement, as required under Article 73 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

The Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Finance. The Chairman Senate read out the procedure for giving proposals for recommendations and the cut of date for submission of recommendations by the Members and the presentation of report by the Committees.

DISCUSSION ON THE FINANCE BILL, 2021

On 14th June, 2021, the House started consideration of the following motion moved by Mr. Shaukat Fayaz Ahmed Tarin, Minister for Finance and Revenue, on 11th June, 2021:-

“That the Senate may make recommendations to the National Assembly on the Finance Bill, 2021, containing the Annual Budget Statement, as required under Article 73 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.”

The following members spoke, in order, on the motion:-

1. Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the House
2. Senator Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani, Leader of the Opposition
3. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo
4. Senator Sadia Abbasi
5. Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur
6. Senator Quratulain Marri
7. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar
8. Senator Muhammad Farogh Naseem
9. Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen
10. Senator Syed Ali Zafar
11. Senator Hidayatullah Khan
12. Senator Zeeshan Khan Zada
13. Senator Sikandar Mandhro
14. Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui
15. Senator Ejaz Ahmed Chaudhary
16. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed
17. Senator Sania Nishtar
18. Senator Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri
19. Senator Dinesh Kumar
20. Senator Engr. Rukhsan Zuberi
21. Senator Rukhsana Zuberi.
22. Senator Dost Muhammad Khan.
23. Senator Faiz Muhammad.
24. Senator Kamran Michael.
25. Senator Asif Kirmani.

26. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq.
27. Senator Shadat Awan.
28. Senator Jam Mehtab Dahar.
29. Senator Muhammad Akram.
30. Senator Kasho Bai.
31. Senator Mohsin Aziz.
32. Senator Sherry Rehman.
33. Senator Walid Iqbal.
34. Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan.
35. Senator Faisal Javed.
36. Senator Samina Mumtaz.
37. Senator Sajid Mir.
38. Senator Aon Abbas
39. Senator Saifullah Abro
40. Senator Muhammad Hamayun Mohmand
41. Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai
42. Senator Seemee Ezdi
43. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmed
44. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Minister for Science and Technology
45. Senator Kamran Murtaza
46. Senator Muhammad Ayub
47. Senator Sana Jamali
48. Senator Rana Mehmood-ul-Hassan
49. Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim
50. Senator Syed Faisla Ali Subzwari
51. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed
52. Senator Muhammad Abdul Qadir
53. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Railways
54. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani
55. **On 25th June, 2021, Minister for Finance and Revenue wound up the debate.**

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

Following reports of the Standing Committees were presented during the session:-

1. Senator Walid Iqbal, Chairman, Standing Committee on Human Rights, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to establish an effective system of protection, relief and rehabilitation of women, children, elders and any vulnerable person against domestic violence [The Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Bill, 2021].
2. Senator Walid Iqbal, Chairman, Standing Committee on Human Rights, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for the well-being, comfort and dignity of the senior citizens residing in the Islamabad Capital Territory [The Islamabad Capital Territory Senior Citizens Bill, 2021].
3. Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Arms Ordinance, 1965 to the extent of Islamabad Capital Territory [The Pakistan Arms (Amendment) Bill, 2021].
4. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs presented report of the Committee on the proposals for making recommendations on the Finance Bill, 2021, containing the Annual Budget Statement.

The recommendations contained in the report were also adopted by the House.

5. Senator Saifullah Abro, Chairman, Standing Committee on Power, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 [The Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power (Amendment) Bill, 2021].
6. Senator Saifullah Abro, on behalf of Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Islamabad Rent Restriction Ordinance, 2001 [The Islamabad Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

Following Government Bills were referred to the concerned Standing Committees for consideration and report

1. The Bill further to amend the Elections Act, 2017 [The Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
2. The Bill further to amend the Elections Act, 2017 [The Elections (Second Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
3. The Bill to effectually tackle the pervading instances of rape and sexual abuse in respect of women and children through changes in the substantive law [The Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
4. The Bill to ensure expeditious redressal of rape and sexual abuse crimes in respect of women and children through special investigation teams and special Courts providing for efficacious procedures, speedy trial, evidence and matters connected therewith or incidental thereto; [The Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
5. The Bill further to amend the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 [The Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
6. The Bill further to amend the Pakistan Arms Ordinance, 1965 to the extent of Islamabad Capital Territory [The Pakistan Arms (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
7. The Bill to re-organize the Federal medical teaching institutes and teaching hospitals thereof [The Federal Medical Teaching Institutes Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
8. The Bill to re-organize and create the National Institute of Health [The National Institute of Health (Re-organization) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
9. The Bill further to amend the Mutual Legal Assistance (Criminal Matters) Act, 2020 [The Mutual Legal Assistance (Criminal Matters) (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
10. The Bill to amend the Enforcement of Women's Property Rights Act, 2020 [The Enforcement of Women's Property Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.

11. The Bill further to amend the Privatization Commission Ordinance, 2000 [The Privatization Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
12. The Bill to provide for the right of review and re-consideration in giving effect to the judgment of the International Court of Justice [The International Court of Justice (Review and Re-consideration) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
13. The Bill further to amend the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961 [The Muslim Family Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021] (**Amendment of Section 4**), as passed by the National Assembly.
14. The Bill further to amend the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961 [The Muslim Family Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021] (**Amendment of Section 7**), as passed by the National Assembly.
15. The Bill to amend the National vocational and Technical Training Commission Act, 2011 [The National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
16. The Bill to provide for the establishment of Hyderabad Institute for Technical and Management Sciences as the degree awarding institute [The Hyderabad Institute for Technical and Management Sciences Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
17. The Bill to reconstitute National College of Arts [The National College of Arts Institute Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
18. The Bill to amend the Pakistan Academy of Letters Act, 2013 [The Pakistan Academy of Letters (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
19. The Bill further to amend the Loans for Agricultural, Commercial and Industrial Purposes Act, 1973 in its application to such areas in the Federation as are not included in any Province [The Loans for Agricultural, Commercial and Industrial Purposes (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
20. The Bill to amend the Financial Institutions (Secured Transactions) Act, 2016 [The Financial Institutions (Secured Transactions) (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
21. The Bill further to amend the SBP Banking Services Corporation Ordinance, 2001 [The SBP Banking Services Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.

22. The Bill further to amend the Companies Act, 2017 [The Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
23. The Bill further to amend the corporate Restructuring Companies Act, 2016 [The Corporate Restructuring Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
24. The Bill to amend the Global Change Impact Studies Centre Act, 2013 [The Global Change Impact Studies Centre (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
25. The Bill further to amend the Protection of Communal Properties of Minorities Ordinance, 2001 [The Protection of Communal Properties of Minorities (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
26. The Bill to regulate the Registration, Regulation and Facilitation of Charities in the Islamabad Capital Territory [The Islamabad Capital Territory Charities Registration, Regulation and Facilitation Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
27. The Bill to provide for the prevention of hoarding in respect of scheduled articles, in the wake of an emergent situation resulting from the outbreak of the Corona virus pandemic (COVID-19) [The COVID-19 (Prevention of Hoarding) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
28. The Bill further to amend the Port Qasim Authority Act, 1973 [The Port Qasim Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
29. The Bill further to amend the Pakistan National Shipping Corporation Ordinance, 1979 [The Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
30. The Bill further to amend the Gwadar Port Authority Ordinance, 2002 [The Gwadar Port Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
31. The Bill further to amend the Maritime Security Agency Act, 1994 [The Maritime Security Agency (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.

**Following Private Member Bill was referred to the Standing Committee concerned
for consideration and report**

1. The Bill to provide for the establishment of the Al-Karam International Institute [The Al-Karam International Institute Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.

Following Government Bills were passed by the Senate during the Session

1. The Bill to establish an effective system of protection, relief and rehabilitation of women, children and any vulnerable person against domestic violence [The Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Bill, 2021], as reported by the Standing Committee. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani moved amendments in clauses 3, 5, 6, 8, 24 and 25 of the Bill which were carried.
2. The Bill to provide for the well-being, comfort and dignity of the senior citizens residing in the Islamabad Capital Territory [The Islamabad Capital Territory Senior Citizens Bill, 2021], as reported by the Standing Committee. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani moved amendments in clauses 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 21, 25 and 28 of the Bill which were carried.
3. The Bill further to amend the Pakistan Arms Ordinance, 1965 to the extent of Islamabad Capital Territory [The Pakistan Arms (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as reported by the Standing Committee.

[The Chairman directed that the Ministry of Interior shall formulate rules and share the same with the Senate Committee on Delegated Legislation in order to address the apprehensions expressed by Senator Mian Raza Rabbani.]

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

The House offered Fateha for the departed soul of former Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar and also passed a condolence resolution unanimously. Following members spoke on the sad demise of former Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar:-

1. Senator Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani, Leader of the Opposition.
2. Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the House.
3. Senator Azam Nazir Tarar.
4. Senator Sherry Rehman.
5. Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar.
6. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani.
7. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizenjo.
8. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah.
9. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.
10. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati.
11. Senator Kamran Murtaza.
12. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi.
13. Senator Ata ur Rehman.
14. Senator Dilawar Khan.
15. Senator Hidayatullah Khan.
16. Senator Naseebullah Bazai.

17. Senator Kauda Babar.
18. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmed.
19. Senator Umer Farooq.
20. Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim.
21. Senator Kamran Michael.
22. Senator Fida Muhammad.
23. Senator Muhammad Akram.
24. Senator Irfan ul Haq Siddiqui.
25. Senator Faiz Muhammad.
26. Senator Kasho Bai.
27. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed.
28. Senator Sajid Mir.
29. Senator Walid Iqbal.
30. Senator Seemee Ezdi.
31. Senator Sana Jamali.
32. Senator Syed Sabir Shah.
33. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq.
34. Senator Saleem Mandviwala.
35. Senator Shahadat Awan.
36. Senator Mohsin Aziz.

RESOLUTION

Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardi Taimur moved a resolution on Kashmir. The resolution was passed unanimously.

The Chair directed to send copies of the resolution to all the Embassies/High Commissions in Islamabad.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE RAISED DURING THE SESSION

1. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed spoke about killing of a Pakhtoon boy by Islamabad Police. **The Chairman referred the matter to Standing Committee on Interior.** He further pointed out the incident of three murders in Jani Khail tribe who are protesting with their dead bodies in front of Miran Shah Police Station but no one from Provincial or Federal Governments has looked into the issue. The Member further pointed out that on raising the above referred issue, by leaders of various political parties, the Deputy Commissioner, South Waziristan arrested them under section 3 of MPO and sent them to jail. After hearing the Member, **the Hon'ble Chairman Senate directed to seek a detailed report from the Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and from the Inspector General of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.**

2. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani spoke about the recent statements by the Federal Ministers asking the Government of Sindh to implement Article 140A in Sindh. He was of the view that when Article 140A is not being implemented in other provinces then why demand is being made only from Sindh.
3. Senator Kauda Babar pointed out the written reply to his question asked from the establishment division about the criteria for appointments of Chief Secretaries in the provinces. **The Chairman referred the matter to Standing Committee concerned.**
4. Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar and other Senators from Balochistan pointed out that there is hardly any representation of Balochistan in various Policy/Advisory Boards and Boards of Directors constituted under the Federal Ministries due to which the rights of the people of Balochistan are not being safeguarded. The Members from both sides of the aisle vehemently condemned this discrimination with Balochistan and walked out of the proceedings of the Senate in protest.
5. Senators Sherry Rehman, Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani, Azam Nazir Tarar and Mian Raza Rabbani pointed out some arbitrary provisions of Finance Bill, 2021.
6. Senator Ijaz Chaudhry pointed out the unfortunate incident of blast at Johar Town Lahore. The House condemned the incident and offered fateha for the departed souls.
7. Senator Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani, Leader of the Opposition urged the Government to arrange an in-camera briefing on recent wave of terrorism throughout the country and the post-US eviction situation from Afghanistan.
8. Senator Hidayatullah pointed out the administrative problems being faced by the government officials and citizens of merged districts of erstwhile FATA. He mentioned some incidents of arrest of police personnel of merged districts who had been detained in Peshawar by the police. **The Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee on SAFRON for report.**
9. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani pointed out the statement of the Prime Minister whereby he has given an impression that the Pakistan will roll back its nuclear programme once the Kashmir dispute is resolved.
10. Leader of the House pointed out that the proceedings of the Senate are being telecasted by PTV live whereas the proceedings of other Houses are being broadcasted live by PTV. **Chairman directed that PTV may be asked to telecast live coverage of Senate proceedings.**
